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Version Showing Claim Changes Made

Claim 31 (Amended). A method of cooling a person by evaporation, comprising:

providing a multi-layered, liquid-retaining composite material comprising a fiberfill batting material, and hydrophilic polymeric fibers that absorb at least about 2.5 times the fiber's weight in water;

soaking said multi-layered composite in a liquid;

employing said multi-layered, liquid-retaining composite material as a garment or a flat sheet and evaporatively cooling said person.

Claim 43 (Amended). A method of cooling a person by evaporation, comprising:

providing a multi-layered, liquid-retaining composite material comprising:

a filler layer comprising:

a fiberfill batting material and

hydrophilic polymeric particles;

soaking said multi-layered, [liquid-retaining] liquid-retaining composite in a liquid; and

employing said multi-layered, liquid-retaining composite as a garment or a flat sheet and evaporatively cooling said person.

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